

Remove Palindromic Subsequences [\(View\)](#)

You are given a string `s` consisting **only** of letters `'a'` and `'b'`. In a single step you can remove one **palindromic subsequence** from `s`.

Return the **minimum** number of steps to make the given string empty.

A string is a **subsequence** of a given string if it is generated by deleting some characters of a given string without changing its order. Note that a subsequence does **not** necessarily need to be contiguous.

A string is called **palindrome** if it is one that reads the same backward as well as forward.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "ababa"`

Output: 1

Explanation: `s` is already a palindrome, so its entirety can be removed in a single step.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "abb"`

Output: 2

Explanation: `"abb"` -> `"bb"` -> `""`.

Remove palindromic subsequence `"a"` then `"bb"`.

Example 3:

Input: `s = "baabb"`

Output: 2

Explanation: `"baabb"` -> `"b"` -> `""`.

Remove palindromic subsequence `"baab"` then `"b"`.

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length <= 1000`
- `s[i]` is either `'a'` or `'b'`.